

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Part D

What is the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan?

The new drug benefit will be provided by private prescription drug plans (PDPs) that offer drug-only coverage, or through Medicare Advantage Plans that offer both prescription drug and health care coverage (MA-PD plans). Plans must offer a standard drug benefit, including many, but not all, of the same drugs that are approved under the Medicaid program. Plans will have utilization tools, prior authorizations and limits, may have preferred tiers and will have network pharmacies. Beneficiaries will pay monthly premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and co-pays. The prescription drug benefit began in January of 2006.

What do People Receiving Medicare Need to Do?

There are two steps for consumers to prepare for the transition to Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage:

1. Apply for help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. If the consumer is eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare he/she is automatically qualified and doesn't need to apply.
2. Enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP).

More Information is available at the following website:

[Information for Consumers and Advocates](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/medicare-d/advocatelinks.htm) at www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/medicare-d/advocatelinks.htm

Para nuestros clientes que desean leer información respecto Medicare Parte D en español at www.medicare.gov/Spanish/Overview.asp.

[Descripción](http://www.medicare.gov/Spanish/Overview.asp) at www.medicare.gov/Spanish/Overview.asp at

[Haga clic en la conexión debajo de obtener la versión española de esta forma](http://www.medicare.gov/Spanish/Overview.asp) at www.medicare.gov/Spanish/Overview.asp

[List of Drug Plans Available in NC](http://www.cms.gov) at www.cms.gov

Tools to help consumers choose a plan at www.medicare.gov

[Medicare Drug Plan Finder](https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx) at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx>